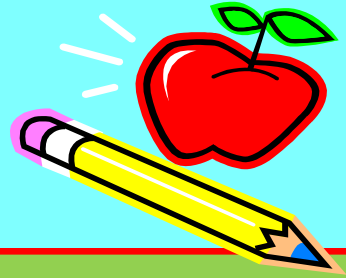


# Mrs. Auslander's Classroom News

January, 2012



We have reached the midpoint of the year and the students have grown in all areas: socially, emotionally, physically, and academically. It is amazing to see how independent they have become!

## Classroom Topics & Activities

- Focus letters this month include D, I, and O, with review of the letters covered so far this year.
- New sight words include how, find, this, & will.
- Blending and segmenting sounds in words, isolating middle sounds, rhyming.
- Reading with expression, pausing for punctuation.
- Genre elements of fantasy, informational text, and realistic fiction.
- Counting to 30 orally, patterns, identifying numbers to 30, counting by 10s, adding on.
- Ordering numbers, measuring and comparing objects and quantities.
- Writing numerals 0 – 10 with correct form.
- Writing stories with more details, using punctuation and capitals properly.
- Color themed math, reading, writing, and art, and music activities.
- Discuss and write about Justice, focusing on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and why he is important in American history.
- Research animals that hibernate with books and films to make our own hibernation projects.
- Informational reading and writing about bears.
- Whole class visits and friendship groups with Mrs. Morin, the guidance counselor.
- Happy Birthday Benjamin (Dec. 20).
- Work on galloping, hopping, and skipping.

## Reminders and Requests

- ✧ MAP tests administered on the computer will be January 3-6.
- ✧ No school for students on January 16 and January 20.
- ✧ End of the semester is January 19. Kindergarten conferences will be Feb. 2 & 3.
- ✧ A substitute will teach the class on Jan. 11 & 12 while I administer individual reading and math assessments to students to gather information for report cards.
- ✧ Miss Leonard will begin teaching the class on January 23. My last day with the kindergarten students will be January 19.
- ✧ Drop Everything and Read, Jan. 19, is Wacky Hat Day. Bring a book to school!
- ✧ Keep practicing the sight words!
- ✧ Listen to your child read the weekly word and sentence lists. They are so proud!
- ✧ The Washington Winter Carnival, Jan. 28, is from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. It is a lot of fun for the whole family. See you there!
- ✧ Remind your child to return library books each Monday so that he/she can take out a new selection each week.

## Ideas for Home

Provide your child with reading material at his/her reading level. The public library is a great place to find simple phonics based books that your child can have success reading independently.

